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## COMMUNISTS TIGHTEN CONTROL OVER COMMUNICATIONS

REQUISITION ALL SHORT-WAVE RECEIVERS -- Hong Kong Hu-sheng Pao, 31 Mar 50

Shanghai -- The Communist authorities proclaimed the requisitioning of all short-wave receivers simultaneously in Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, and Canton, beginning 1 April 1950. They also prohibited stores from listening to all shortwave broadcasting henceforth.

CENSOR SHEN-CH'I LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 16 Mar 50

Shih-ch'i, Kwangtung, 15 March -- To prevent the entrance of Nationalist soldiers and the transmission of subversive matter, the Communists here are censoring letters and telegrams, which is causing delay in their dispatch and delivery. Particular attention is given to communications to and from Hainan and Taiwan. In the case of such a letter or telegram from these places, the sender or receiver is summoned and questioned, and fined 3 piculs of rice. On the second occasion, the investigation as to the relation between the sender and receiver is very strict, and if there is anything suspicious, the person may be arrested and dealth with in accordance with the circumstances of the case.

Communist authorities have made no public announcement of this procedure, but carry it out quietly, hoping thereby to obtain information concerning "special service" elements. Not a few residents of the Chung-shan area have been fined and arrested, so that people there are afraid to receive letters lest they contain something incriminating. The Shen-ch'i post office will not dispatch letters which do not bear the name and detailed address of the

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EXTEND LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE HOURS -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 15 Mar 50

Macao, 14 March -- In view of the heavy communication traffic under present conditions, the Postal and Telecommunications Office here, beginning 14 March 1950, will be open for business from 0900 till 2400 for the handling of long-distance telephone calls between Macao and Hong Kong and other business. This extension of service does not apply to Sundays and holidays.

CHINA-USSR AIR MAIL SERVICE BEGINS -- New York, Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 5 Apr 50

Hong Kong, 3 April -- The Hong Kong <u>Ta Kung Pao</u> has reported that air mail service between China and the USSR began on 4 April 1950. All air mail is to be assembled at Peiping and flown to the USSR.

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